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1. INDOCHINA

NYT CARRIES TEXT EXCERPTS OF HAK 3/26 NEWS CONFERENCE THAT INCLUDED QUESTIONS ON INDOCHINA. CHITRIB QUOTES SECSTATE THAT FAILURE OF CONGRESS SEND MORE MIL AID TO SVN AND CAMBODIA RAISES QUESTIONS WHETHER US WANTS TO "DELIBERATELY UNCLASSIFIED

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DESTROY AN ALLY" AT TIME OF CRISIS, AND "CONSEQUENCES WE NOW

SEE" IN SVN AND CAMBODIA DUE NOT GIVING ENOUGH AID. NYDN'S WIEGHART NOTES HAK'S WARNING THAT CONGRESS' FAILURE GIVE MORE MIL AID TO SVN WOULD GENERATE "MASSIVE SHIFT IN THE FOREIGN POLICIES OF MANY COUNTRIES." WP'S MARDER BELIEVES SECSTATE TRIED BREAK AID IMPASSE IN CONGRESS BY POLARIZING ISSUE AND TRYING SHOW CAUSE-AND-EFFECT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN US ACTIONS IN VN AND US OBJECTIVES IN ME. CALLS "UNPRECEDENTED" SECSTATE STATEMENT THAT US "PROJECTED" SVN INTO CONFLICT. NYT'S FINNEY SEES SECSTATE TRYING REVIVE ADMIN PROPOSAL FOR 3-YR AID PLAN FOR SVN "CONSIDERED DEAD" BY SENS PEARSON AND CHURCH.

SUN'S MILLS SAYS SECSTATE "ASSAILS" CONGRESS ON AID CUTS. CSM'S SCHMIDT STATES TRYING AVOID FURTHER WEAKENING OF US INFLUENCE IN WORLD BY FORCEFUL LINKING OF SEA AND ME EVENTS. QUOTES CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES THAT HAK PRESENTED STRONGLY-WORDED MORAL CASE FOR MORE AID, BUT WILL ALMOST CERTAINLY BE DEFEATED IN CONGRESS. NYT'S GWERTZMAN DESCRIBES SECSTATE AS SPEAKING IN GRAVE TONES, FINDS CLEARLY WORRIED ABOUT DECLINE IN US INFLUENCE AROUND WORLD. NYT'S GELB REPORTS HAK RESTATED "CLASSICAL DOMINO THEORY," QUESTIONS WHETHER IT IS WORKING THIS WAY.

SECSTATE'S PLEA FOR CONTINUED MIL AID TO SVN FELL ON "NEARLY DEAF" CONGRESSIONAL EARS. ASSISTANCE REQUESTS STALLED, AND RESISTANCE TO ADMIN 3-YR PROPOSAL FOR PHASING OUT AID TO SVN. SEN KENNEDY INTRODUCED BILL PROVIDE 100 MILLION DOLS FOR EMERGENCY HUMANITARIAN AID TO SVN AND CAMBODIA (REUTER, GLOBE), TO BE CHanneLED THROUGH UN AND OTHER INTL ORGANIZATIONS AND VOLAGS. CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES SAID VIRTUALLY NO CHANCE ON EMERGENCY MIL AID REQUESTS, BUT GOOD LIKELIHOOD CONGRESS WOULD APPROVE ABOUT HALF OF 1.3 BILLION DOLS IN INDOCHINA AID THAT ADMIN REQUESTS FOR NEXT FY (WIEGHART, NYDN). CONGRESS PREPARED ADJOURN FOR EASTER WITHOUT ACTING ON ADMIN REQUESTS FOR EMERGENCY MIL AID (FINNEY, NYT). SEN ABOUREZK INTRODUCED LEGISLATION TO BAN ANY FURTHER MIL AID TO SVN IN PRESENT FY; MEASURE WOULD NOT PROHIBIT HUMANITARIAN AID (MILLS, SUN).

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GVN ACCUSES SAIGON AP, UPI BUREAUS OF FLAGRANT VIOLATIONS OF OFFICIAL RULES ON PRESS DISCLOSURE OF TROOP MOVEMENTS; PUBLICLY WARNS SANCTIONS WILL BE TAKEN IF SIMILAR INCIDENTS OCCUR. GVN SPECIFICALLY SAID AGENCIES HAD REPORTED HUE ABANDONMENT, THOUGH GVN HAS NOT SO FAR ANNOUNCED IT (NYT SPECIAL). VC ANNOUNCES FORCES HOISTED FLAG OVER HUE (CSM; UPI, NYDN).

UN SEC GEN IN INTERVIEW WITH VIENNA PAPER REPORTEDLY CRITICIZED HAK DIPLOMACY STYLE, SAID NOBODY SHOULD BE SURPRISED AT COLLAPSE OF VN C-F SINCE ANYONE WHO KNEW BACKGROUND SHOULD SEE SOLUTION WORKED OUT HAS LED TO PRESENT SITUATION (CSM). POPE SAID VN ACCORD SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN IN VAIN (NYT SPECIAL).

GVN ANNOUNCES CRUSHING ATTEMPTED COUP, ARRESTING NUMBER OF PLOTTERS. COUP LEADERS ASSUMED MIL MEN BUT NO CONFIRMATION (UPI, NYDN). WP'S OBERDORFER IN SAIGON REPORTS POLITICAL OPPOSITION GIVEN BLOW WITH ARREST OF 7 CHARGED WITH PLOTTING COUP. ARRESTED ALL CIVILIAN WHO REPORTEDLY PARTICIPATED IN EARLIER MEETING OF ABOUT 30 ANTI-THIEU PERSONALITIES THAT INCLUDED FORMER PREMIER NGUYEN CAO KY. PRG EXHORTS MIL OFFICERS, CIVILIAN OFFICIALS, CITIZENS DEFECT OR SURRENDER. THIEU IN BROADCAST CALLED ON PEOPLE TO CONTINUE FIGHT, PUT HOPES ON USG TO TAKE IMMEDIATE ACTION PROVIDE ARMS. LAT'S JAMESON/MCARTHUR AT SAIGON (PHINQ) NOTE THIEU PLEDGED NO MORE TERRITORY WILL BE GIVEN UP AND URGED ARVN FIGHT TO DEATH AT DA NANG IF NECESSARY. QUOTE US OFFICIALS THAT THIEU WILL SOON HAVE TO REDEFINE POLITICAL BORDERS OF COUNTRY, WITH PREDICTIONS 60-PCT OF AREA, UP TO 35-PCT OF POPULATION, MIGHT BE LOST. SAY WITH AMB. MARTIN OUT OF COUNTRY, US EMBASSY HOLDS NO UNIFIED VIEW ON WHAT HAPPENING TO SVN, BUT OFFICIALS BLAME CONGRESS FOR CREATING CRISIS BY SLASHING AID.

US EMBASSY STARTS EVACUATING DEPENDENTS, NON-ESSENTIAL PERSONNEL FROM DA NANG, ALONG WITH AMCITS, OTHER FOREIGN NATIONALS (UPI, NYDN). SVN SOLDIERS TRYING FLY OUT OF MIL BASE FIRED ON US COPTER, WOUNDED CREW MEMBER AND UNCLASSIFIED

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WOMAN PASSENGER (REUTER DA NANG). VN'S QUEEN MOTHER DECIDES STAY IN HUE, FACE COMMUNISTS (UPI, NYT).

NYT'S BROWNE AT SAIGON REPORTS 35,000 COMMUNIST TROOPS POISED AROUND DA NANG FACING 15-20,000 DEMORALIZED ARVN DEFENDERS, AS US OFFICIALS HASTEN PREPARATIONS FOR EVACUATING MUCH OF POPULATION AS POSSIBLE. NOTES WEYAND DUE IN SAIGON, AND GVN TROOPS OPENED ROAD TO TAY NINH. SAYS FEARS GROWING AT DA NANG THAT AMERICANS MIGHT SOON BE UNDER ATTACK BY GVN FORCES ANGERED BY US EVACUATIONS; RELATES COPTER INCIDENT. QUOTES TRAVELER THAT TUY HOA SITUATION CHAOTIC, AND US STAFF BEING EVACUATED. ADDS CIVILIANS REPORTEDLY TRYING LEAVE QUI NHON.

BOATS, PLANES BEGIN MASSIVE EVACUATION OF ESTIMATED 500,000 REFUGEES FROM DA NANG (AP, SUN). SUN'S ISAACS IN TUY HOA DESCRIBES NIGHTMARISH TUY HOA CONDITIONS AS HIGHLANDS REFUGEES ARRIVE. WP'S MCCOMBS, ALSO AT TUY HOA, TELLS OF DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS THAT MET REFUGEES EXODUS FROM HIGHLANDS. SOME TOLD OF SOLDIERS ABANDONING COLUMN AND FLEEING. TROOPS ARRIVING IN TUY HOA RACE SOUTH TO NHA TRANG. NYT'S BUTTERFIELD AT DA NANG TELLS OF REFUGEES JAMMING PIERS WHILE "LUCKY RICH" BUY OF REFUGEES JAMMING PIERS WHILE "LUCKY RICH" BUY PASSAGE IN JAMMED BOATS. SOLDIERS WANDER AIMLESSLY AROUND CITY, BUT AS OF NOW APPEARS NO DANGER OF STARVATION AMONG REFUGEES. CHITRIB CARRIES FULL BACK-PAGE AP PHOTOS OF REFUGEE IN, OR ON ROAD TO, DA NANG. US BEGINS REFUGEE AIRLIFT FROM DA NANG, WHERE US SECURITY MAN FIRES SHOTS TO DRIVE BACK PEOPLE WHO BROKE THROUGH BARRIER TO TRY BOARD FLIGHT (AP, NYDN). US OFFICIALS SAID 727 MADE TWO DA NANG-SAIGON FLIGHTS TO START EVACUATION; 747 EXPECTED START OPERATIONS THURS. VC ROCKET DA NANG AREA (CHITRIB).

NYT'S WEINRAUB IN SAIGON FINDS ARVN STUNNED, DEMORALIZED, IN STATE OF SHOCK. SEES TOO MUCH CONFUSION AT PRESENT TO WEIGH OVERALL, LONG-RANGE IMPACT ON MILITARY OF RECENT EVENTS. CSM'S SOUTHERLAND IN TUY HOA SEES MASSIVE PANIC RETREAT MIRRORING VN TRAGEDY. CSM'S HALVERSON UNCLASSIFIED

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SAYS DA NANG AIRLIFT BEING HAMPERED BY LACK OF FUNDS AND AIRCRAFT AS REFUGEES PILE INTO CITY. AID CURRENTLY OPERATING ON CONTINUING RESOLUTION.

USN SPOKESMAN SAYS 7-SHIP SQUADRON WILL LEAVE SAN DIEGO FRIDAY FOR FE WATERS; SAYS "ROUTINE DEPLOYMENT." SHIPS CAPABLE OF LANDING 3200 MARINES. USMC SPOKESMAN DECLINES COMMENT (AP, NYDN).

SIHANOUK ADDS 14 NAMES TO LIST OF 7 "SUPER TRAITORS" TO BE TRIED AS WAR CRIMINALS (WP). PRINCE REJECTS REPORTED PEACE APPEAL BY LONG BORET, DESCRIBES IT AS "NEW COMEDY PLAYED OUT ON THE BLOODY CAMBODIAN SCENE" BY US IMPERIALISM (REUTER, NYT). LON NON RESIGNS FROM ARMY TO GIVE FULL ATTENTION TO POLITICS (CHITRIB; WP).

INSURGENTS BLAST AIRPORT AND PP WITH 64 ROCKETS, KILLING 8. AIRLIFT CONTINUES WITHOUT INTERRUPTION (CSM; CHITRIB). US OFFICIALS SAY REBELS FIRING ARTILLERY ONTO AIRFIELD, POSING NEW THREAT TO AIRLIFT SINCE MORE ACCURATE THAN ROCKETS (UPI PHINQ, NYDN; WP). REPORTS SAY FANK SOLDIERS REFUSE FIGHT IN "ROCKET BELT" W OF PP

FROM WHICH INSURGENTS BOMBARD POCHENTONG. DRIVE TO CLEAR AREA BOGGED DOWN BY POOR MORALE AND STIFF RESISTANCE. SOME SOLDIERS COMPLAIN TO US NEWSMEN THAT US AID GOING TO BE CUT OFF, SO NO USE IN FIGHTING (AP, SUN).

FIVE INDONESIAN AND 7 MALAYSIAN DIPLOMATS LEAVE PP FOR CONSULTATIONS AND BECAUSE OF POOR SECURITY SITUATION. DIPLOMATIC SOURCES SAY MOVE IS PART OF PLAN TO EXERT PRESSURE ON LON NOL TO LEAVE COUNTRY, AND JAPANESE AND THAI DIPLOMATS MAY FOLLOW SOON. THESE GOVTS HAVE BEEN AMONG GKR STRONGEST BACKERS AT UN BUT NOW SAY PRIVATELY AMONG GKR STRONGEST BACKERS AT UN BUT NOW SAY PRIVATELY IT IS TIME FOR MARSHAL TO GO SO NEW GOVT CAN TRY NEGOTIATE WITH REBELS (AP, SUN).

300 FANK TROOPS WALKED AWAY FROM DEFENSIVE POSITIONS ON E MEKONG BANK (CSM; CHITRIB; WP). BATTAMBANG CITY REPORTEDLY "DYING BY INCHES" AS 7500 REBELS FACE 1500 GKR TROOPS (AP, SUN). NYT'S ANDELMAN IN PP DESCRIBES UNCLASSIFIED

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"WAITING WAR" ON ROUTE 4 NEAR POCHENTONG WHERE TROOPS STALL INSTEAD OF CLEANING OUT ROCKET POCKETS. OPERATION NOT WORKING DESPITE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING AIRPORT OPEN BECAUSE TROOPS FRIGHTENED, REPLACEMENTS FEW AND POORLY-TRAINED, UNITS DEPLETED.

SIMONS (WP) DESCRIBES AIR CAMBODGE "CHAMPAGNE FLIGHT" ON RICKETY CARAVELLE FROM BANGKOK TO PP.

CDN'S TAMARKIN NEAR PP (3/24) DESCRIBES KHMER WAR AS 9-TO-5 AFFAIR, WITH MORALE GREATEST FANK PROBLEM. DESCRIBES ACTION DURING ONE DAY THAT ENDS WHEN SOLDIERS RETURN TO FAMILIES. BELIEVES MOST FANK COMMANDERS TRAINED IN CLASSICAL FRENCH MIL METHOD, THAT STRESSES FRONTAL ASSAULTS.

2. CHINA

SPEAKER'S OFFICE ANNOUNCED WEDNESDAY THAT ALBERT AND RHODES WILL LEAVE MAR 27 FOR 10-DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO PRC, ACCOMPANIED BY WIVES, EIGHT STAFF MEMBERS (REUTER).

3. JAPAN

GLOBE SAYS MOFA OFFICIAL TOLD DIET WEDNESDAY LON NOL SOUNDED OUT POSSIBILITY OF ASYLUM IN JAPAN, THROUGH AMB KURINO; QUOTES OFFICIAL THAT SOUNDINGS TAKEN REGARDING "FOREIGN TRAVEL" BY LON NOL, AND DENIAL

THIS MEANS HE ACTUALLY COMING JAPAN.

IN TAMPA JIM WALTER CORP SAID WEDNESDAY SIGNED 2 BILLION DOL CONTRACT SUPPLY SIX JAPANESE STEEL FIRMS MINIMUM 3 MILLION TONS HIGH-GRADE METALLURGICAL COAL ANNUALLY, OVER 15 YEAR PERIOD STARTING 1978 (WSJ; UPI, NYT).

JOC'S LEWIN IN CHICAGO CITES HARRIS TRUST AND SAVING BANK VP OTHMAN THAT JAPAN LIKELY BE ONLY ONE OF EIGHT MAJOR TRADING NATIONS TO EARN SURPLUS IN 1975, ESTIMATED AT 3-4 BILLION DOLS.

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4. PHILIPPINES

PROV GOVERNOR SAYS MOSLEM REBELS MARCH 6 HACKED TO DEATH 150 MEN, WOMEN, CHILDREN ON BASILAN ISLAND IN AUTONOMY CAMPAIGN; SEXUALLY MUTILATED AFTER DEAD; ONE MAN STILL IN TREATMENT FOR WOUNDS, SHOCK, SURVIVED TO REPORT INCIDENT, ACCORDING COL. MAGSINO.

5. MALAYSIA

JOC (KL) SAYS PETRONAS AGREED, IN NEGOTIATIONS ON TRANSFER OF OIL RIGHTS TO GIVE FEDERAL STATE SARAWAK 5 PERCENT OF GROSS OIL, GAS REVENUES.

6. INDONESIA

EX-IM BANK APPROVES 2.4 MILLION DOLS CREDIT TO GOI, TO FINANCE 40 PERCENT OF 6 MILLION DOLS SALE OF FLIGHT INSPECTION AIRCRAFT, GROUND CALIBRATION LAB EQUIPMENT; UNDESIGNATED US PRIVATE SOURCES TO FINANCE 50 PERCENT, GOI TO PAY CASH FOR BALANCE (JOC - WASHINGTON).

7. AUSTRALIA

WP CITES GOA SOURCES CANBERRA, THAT PRES FORD INVITED WHITLAM TO VISIT US NEXT MONTH.

JOC (LONDON) CITES TRADE SOURCES, THAT AUSTRALIA SOLD 130,000 TONS RAW SUGAR TO US, FOR 1975 SHIPMENT.

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. INDOCHINA

PATRICK BUCHANAN IN CHITRIB SAYS IN SEASIA AREAS PURCHASED WITH US BLOOD ARE BEING ABANDONED BECAUSE

CONGRESS NEEDS ANOTHER ROUND OF JUNKETS BEFORE IT
VOTES. CALLS ON FORD TO "GIVE UNSHIRTED HELL" TO
CONGRESS TO STIMULATE ACTION.

CHITRIB SAYS LITTLE NEW IN HAK'S NEWS CONFERENCE.
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A MORAL COMMITMENT DOES NOT MEAN AN OBLIGATION TO
HELP A COUNTRY BLEED TO ITS LAST MAN. SAYS US
SHOULD PHASE DOWN MILITARY AID AND "DO WHATEVER WE
CAN TO HELP SVN ADJUST TO THEIR NEW AND UNHAPPY WORLD."

NYDN SAYS WITHHOLDING AID TO VN WOULD BE INTERPRETED
BY OTHERS AS "CALLOUS BETRAYAL" BY A "FEEBLE, FICKLE
AND FLABBY" U.S. REMAINS TO BE SEEN IF CONGRESS AND

PEOPLE CAN GRASP OLDEST LESSON OF HISTORY.

TERHORST IN NYDN DISCUSSES COMPUTER STUDY OF INTERNATIONAL
BEHAVIOR BY PROF. RUMMEL OF U OF HAWAII WHICH CONCLUDES
THAT TO ABDICATE POWER IS TO ABDICATE THE RIGHT TO
MAINTAIN PEACE. FORD AND ASSOCIATES PREPARING FOR 76
CAMPAIGN WHICH WILL FEATURE A "POWER GAP" CHARGE LAID
AT DOORSTEP OF DEMS. RUMMEL STUDY SAYS DETENTE BUILT
ON TRADE ETC. WILL NOT PREVENT CONFLICT. SUFFICIENT
MILITARY POWER ONLY REAL DETERRENT.

HARRIET HORNE IN PHINQ DESCRIBES TV INTERVIEWS WITH
AMERICANS WOUNDED IN VN WHO STILL FAIL TO SEE RATIONALE
FOR THE WAR. ASKS IF A DEMOCRACY CAN EVER AGAIN PERMIT
ITS WARS TO BE SEEN NIGHTLY ON TV. SAYS WE ARE ALL MORAL
CASUALTIES OF THE WAR.

BALT SUN SAYS US INVOLVED IN INDOCHINA BECAUSE IT WAS NOT
SELECTIVE ENOUGH IN DECIDING WHERE TO COMMIT ITSELF.
SAYS HAK EXAGGERATED DEGREE OF CAUSALITY IN LINKING ISRAEL.
AND VN. SUPPORTS AID WITH A CUT OFF DATE BUT CAUTIONS
THAT THERE SHOULD BE CLEAR CUT LIMITS TO EXTENT OF US
COMMITMENTS IN FUTURE.

JERRY GREENE IN NYDN SAYS IT LIKELY THAT CONGRESS WILL
APPROVE PART OF THE FY 76 REQUEST FOR VN MIL AID. SAYS
DOD BELIEVES THIEU CAN RALLY AN EFFECTIVE DEFENSE IN THE
ENCLAVES. CONCLUDES BY QUOTING UNNAMED USG OFFICIAL WHO
SAYS PHNOM PENH BEING SLOWLY STRANGLERED AND END IS EXPECTED
WITHIN A MONTH.

DONALD KIRK IN CHITRIB (3/22) NOTES VIETS VOTING WITH
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THEIR FEET VS HANOI.

KIRK IN CHITRIB (3/23) SAYS MILITARY NIGHTMARE HAS COME TRUE IN VN, WITH NVN CONTROL OF HIGHLANDS AND CUTTING COUNTRY IN TWO.

HARRIET VAN HORNE IN PHINQ (3/22) SAYS CAMBODIA IS US SHAME. QUOTES VIEW OF BRITISH AUTHOR RICHARD WEST IN BOOK "VICTORY IN VIETNAM." YEARS OF BOMBING WIPED OUT MOST CAMB VILLAGES. WAR PROFITABLE TO SOME. IF CAMBODIA FALLS WORK OF HEALING CAN BEGIN.

MAX LERNER (LAT 3/26) DECLARES VN REFUGEE EXODUS ACCOMPANIED BY ABSENCE OF FOREIGN POLICY THINKING IN CONGRESS AS WELL AS PENTAGON. POINTS OUT HISTORY NEVER REPEATS SELF, AND URGES WE NOT LET MISTAKES OF 1960S HURL US INTO ABRUPT ISOLATION (USIA WIRELESS FILE 3/27).

HARSCH (CSM) URGES WE LEARN LESSON SELF EVIDENT IN US COMMITMENT OF OWN TROOPS IN KOREA, VN, WHILE SOVIETS OPERATED AT FAR LESS EXPENSE THROUGH LOCAL FORCES, AND NEVER COMMITTED OWN TROOPS (USIA WIRELESS FILE 3/27).

LAT VIEWS HEARTRENDING, INEVITABLE NEWS FROM VN AS PERHAPS LAST ACT IN CONTEST OF WILLS THAT LASTED WHOLE GENERATION; INSTEAD OF BLAMING SELVES FOR END IMPLICIT IN DECISION TO WITHDRAW, SUGGESTS US FULFILL OBLIGATIONS TO SVIETS AS EVENTS DICTATE, AND CONTINUE OFFER HUMANITARIAN AID TO ALL INDOCHINA (USIA WIRELESS FILE 3/27).

SUN'S TREWHITT WRITES HAK REVEALED BLEAK PRIVATE WORLD YESTERDAY, WHERE "CATAclySMIC" EVENTS IN SEA TYPIFY DECLINE IN US POWER; QUOTES HAK THAT "GREAT NEED IS TO PULL TOGETHER AND TO SEE WHETHER WE CAN RESTORE A SENSE OF NATIONAL PURPOSE" (USIA WIRELESS FILE 3/27).

DANIEL TEODORU IN LETTER TO NYT SEES THIEU PLAYING LAST CARD IN HOPE OF MINOR CONCESSIONS BY HANOI FOR PASSIVE ACCEPTANCE OF COMMUNIST TAKEOVER; ONLY SIGN US CLEARLY DETERMINED ENFORCE PARIS ACCORDS WILL CHANGE
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THIEU'S PERSPECTIVE.

JOHN PATON DAVIES IN LETTER TO NYT VIEWS FIERCE LEWIS-

ALSOP CROSSFIRE WHETHER HE LOST CHINA AS SIGN "DRIVEL"
ABOUT LOSING OTHER PEOPLE'S COUNTRY AGAIN FLOWING IN
WASHINGTON; DECLARES FAILURE TO LEARN FROM CHINA, SELF-
DECEPTION IN INDOCHINA, BAD JUDGMENT LEADING TO INCURSION,
SUPPORT FOR CAMBODIA STRONGER REASONS FOR ALLIES'
MISGIVINGS ABOUT US THAN ADMIN ARGUMENTS TO CONGRESS
(BOTH USIA WIRELESS FILE 3/27).

9. CHINA

WSTAR'S CRUTCHER REPORTS SHIRLEY MACLAINE'S WASHINGTON
REMARKS THIS WEEK ABOUT HER 1973 PRC VISIT. SAID
CHINESE COMMUNISM WOULDN'T DO FOR HER, SINCE TOO
CONDITIONED TO INDIVIDUALISM, BUT GREAT FOR CHINESE,
AND SOME ASPECTS OF THEIR SYSTEM WOULD IMPROVE THINGS
HERE. QUESTIONED ABOUT PRC REPRESSION, MAINTAINED,
ONLY INDIVIDUAL'S RIGHT TO EXPLOIT NEIGHBOR IS
REPPRESSED; IF THERE IS FLAW, IT IS "OVER-DEMOCRATIZATION
COMING FROM A MONOLITHIC TOP."

FELT MAO KIND OF TEACHING IS NOT SAME AS THOUGHT CONTROL.
CHINESE HAVE READ US WRITERS, AND HAVE "TRUER HISTORY
OF AMERICA THAN WE HAVE ACCESS TO" (MAR 26).

10. GENERAL

ANDERSON/WHITTEN (WP) STATE WH HOPEFUL SEN BENSTEN,
WHO ATTACKED HAK LAST MONTH "HAD NOTHING BUT PRAISE"
FOR HIM DURING 1973 TOUR OF BALI, TAHITI, HK, SINGAPORE,
AUSTRALIA, FOR WHICH TAXPAYERS "STUCK" WITH HIS AIRFARE,
HOTEL CHARGES SYDNEY, CANBERRA. CITES AMCONSUL SYDNEY
REPORT "INTENDED FOR OFFICIAL EYES ONLY" THAT SEN PRAISED
HAK SECSTATE APPOINTMENT AS "GOOD FOR THE CONGRESS,
THE WHITE HOUSE AND THE FOREIGN SERVICE." ADDS DENIAL
BY SEN'S SPOKESMAN CABLE "NOT EXACTLY" ACCURATE SINCE
SEN ALSO STRESSED HAK RUNNING DOS WITHOUT CONGRESSIONAL
INPUT.

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11. INDONESIA

NYT'S LELYVELD INTERVIEWS MALIK IN JAKARTA, FINDS HIM
CONFIDENT INDONESIA, OTHER NON-COMMUNIST SEA NATIONS
WOULD BE ABLE COOPERATE WITH COMMUNIST REGIMES IN
INDOCHINA. SUGGESTS MALIK'S "POSITIVE THINKING" RELATED
MISGIVINGS ABOUT DEPENDABILITY OF US WHERE ISOLATIONISM"
STRONG AND STRONGER." NOTES MALIK SUGGESTED US SHOULD
HELP SEA NATIONS CREATE "CLIMATE OF CONFIDENCE" BETWEEN
SELVES AND NVN, I.E. BY WITHDRAWING FORCES FROM THAILAND

IN RESPONSE KUKRIT REQUEST, WHICH MALIK SAID IN LINE
WITH ASEAN DESIRE TURN REGION INTO "ZONE OF PEACE,
FREEDOM, NEUTRALITY." LELYVELD CITES US DIPLOMATS WHO
LINK DISENCHANTMENT TO BILATERAL PROBLEMS, SUCH AS
DISCRIMINATORY LEGISLATION AIMED AT OPEC, EXCLUSION FROM
LDC PREFERENTIAL TARIFF LIST, AND RECENT ECON MIL, AID
CUTS. KISSINGER

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